GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Container Trains
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are considering to introduce container trains for export and import purposes;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Railways is also considering to move freight traffic on fast track mode; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)
(a) Yes, Madam. Indian Railways is already running container trains for export and import cargo.
(b) Railways has been running export-import container trains since 1989 when CONCOR was created. A policy for running of container trains for export and import purposes by private container train operators was unveiled in the year 2006 for transportation of containerized cargo. Based on the policy of Railways, 18 companies have now obtained license to run the container trains.

(c) Yes, Madam. To ensure freight trains are run on a definite time schedule, Indian Railways has introduced time tabled container trains (Cargo Express) on 15.06.2016 and time tabled automobile trains on 12.07.2016.
(d) The time tabled container goods trains are running between:
(i) Okhla (Delhi) and Whitefield (Bengaluru) (in both the directions),
(ii) Okhla (Delhi) and Tondiarpet (Chennai), (in both the directions),
(iii) Okhla (Delhi) and Nagalapalle (Hyderabad), (in both the directions),
(iv) Dadri (Uttar Pradesh) and Kathuwas (Rajasthan), (in one direction),
(v) Tugalakabad (Delhi) and Kathuwas (Rajasthan), (in one direction), and
(vi) Dhandari Kalan (Punjab) and Kathuwas (Rajasthan), (in one direction).
The time tabled automobile trains are running between
(i) Gurgaon (Haryana) and Nidvanda (Karnataka), and
(ii) Kathuwas (Rajasthan) and Melpakkam (Tamilnadu).
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